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RESERVE FUND.....\$4,000,000  
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION \$4,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

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For Fixed Deposits:—  
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Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
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T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, August 25, 1884. 1423

NOTICE.  
RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.  
2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.  
3.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.  
4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relatives, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.  
5.—Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with clean stamps the depositor will be credited one dollar.  
6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent. per annum interest.  
7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the Post Office and cleared from Hongkong Postage Stamps of any values.  
8.—Interest at the rate of 3/4 per cent. per annum will be allowed to deposits on their daily balances.  
9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.  
10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will, if marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded free of Postage or Registration Fees by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.  
11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.  
12.—All documents connected with the business of the Savings' Bank are exempt from stamp duty.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

With Reference to the above, BUSINESS will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884. For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

## Bank.

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BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

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" 6 " " 4 1/2 " "  
" 12 " " 5 % " "

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J. MELVILLE MATSON,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE Admitted Mr. NOORMA-HOFF as a PARTNER in my Firms, carried on at BOMBAY, HONGKONG and SHANGHAI, in my own Name, from Kartak Sool 1st Sawant Year, 1941 (19th October, 1884), and the said Firms will henceforth be designated and carried on the style of JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY & CO.

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY.  
Bombay, November 10, 1884. 2039

### NOTICE.

WITH Reference to the above, Mr. JAFFERBHOY KHETSEY is authorised to Stow our Firms in China from this date.

JAIRAZBHOY PEERBOY & CO.  
Hongkong, December 8, 1884. 2060

## Intimations.

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SAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER,  
22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS,  
MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN  
OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS,  
CORK JACKETS,  
&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. 206

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WINES, SPIRITS AND LIQUERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 15, 1884. 2107

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Patricians.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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DUNN, MELBYE & CO.,  
Hongkong, December 13, 1884. 2100

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D. K. GRIFFITH,  
Proprietor.

Hongkong, July 23, 1884. 1246

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION  
IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the  
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
(HONGKONG BRANCH), are hereby  
requested to present them to the LIQUIDATOR  
of the Bank when they will be given  
in Exchange, a certificate of the value of  
the Notes deposited.

HOLDERS of NOTES will be required to  
Furnish to the LIQUIDATOR of the Bank,  
a schedule in duplicates, giving the date of  
Issue, Number and Amount of each Note  
produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application  
at the OFFICE of the ORIENTAL BANK  
CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the  
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR  
OF THE  
ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,  
By His Attorneys,

J. MELVILLE MATSON,  
H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1235

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will be commenced on the 1st MAY, 1884.

For the  
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
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Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

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Fine New Season's GUMSHAW TEA, in  
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BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.  
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Hongkong, December 16, 1884. 2127

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 143

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tonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronun-  
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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.  
Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 151

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BY E. H. PARKER.

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Price, 30 Cents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

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F. E. FOSTER,  
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Hongkong, December 23, 1884. 2163

## FIRE &amp; LIFE.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1884. 100

## Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,  
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,  
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SEA PORTS,  
NAPLES, MARSEILLES, AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA;  
ALSO  
BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK,  
LONDON AND ANTWERP.

ON TUESDAY, the 30th December, 1884, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. NATAL, Commandant, Portor, and  
M. S. PASSAGENS, Specie, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London, as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
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the 29th December, 1884. (Parcels are not  
to be sent on board; they must be left at  
the Agency's Office.)

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, via Yokohama,  
at Yokohama, and San Francisco.

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RIO DE JANEIRO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama,  
on TUESDAY, the 6th January, at 3 p.m.,  
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,  
the United States, and Europe.

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ALDEN BESE, American barque, Capt.  
John A. O'Brien.—Melchers & Co.

CAROLINE, Norwegian barque, Captain  
Brun.—Wieland & Co.

DANUBE, British steamer, Captain J.  
T. MACEY.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

VELOCITY, German barque, from Whampoa.  
December 26.—

Fokien, British steamer, 508, H. C.  
Harris, Swatow December 24, General.—  
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Signal, German steamer, 383, A. Hund-  
woldt, Hooch December 24, General.—  
SWANSON & CO.

Anton, German steamer, 306, E. Aerboe,  
Pakhoi December 21, and Hooch 24,  
General.—Wieland & Co.

Tiendin, British steamer, from Whampoa.

Velocity, German barque, from Whampoa.  
December 26.—

Bruneau, British steamer, 1,304, John  
Potter, Cardiff October 31, Singapore Dec.  
18, General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hedvig, British barque, 376, J. Bent,  
Chittagong December 16, Beans and General  
Chinese.

Triumph, German steamer, 674, J.  
Schuldt, Haiphong December 24, and Hooch  
December 25.—

Detour, British steamer, 1,304, John  
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December 26.—

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1884. 100

## Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

TO-MORROW EVENING,  
27th December, 1884.

THE SNOWDROPS,  
(By Special Desire),

will give their

SECOND GRAND ETHIOPIAN  
DRAWING-ROOM

ENTERTAINMENT.

COMMENCING AT 9 P.M.

Tickets may be obtained and Seats secured  
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after Monday, 22nd Instant.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

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Box Seats, \$1.  
Hongkong, December 26, 1884. 2132

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF

His Majesty King George The First,

A.D. 1730.

The Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sum not exceeding

50 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & CO.,  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 496

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company are  
prepared to grant Policies on MARINE  
RISKS to all parts of the World, at current  
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.,  
Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 850

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

We are informed by the Agent of the M. M. Co. that the Company's steamer *Andady*, with mails, left Saigon yesterday (Thursday), for the port. She passed Capo St. James at 8 p.m., same day.

The French transport *Mythe*, from Tonquin and Saigon, with naval and military invalids, arrived at Singapore on the 13th instant, and was to leave again for Toulon on the 10th instant.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Rosetta*, on her last passage to Singapore, made a very quick run down from the North. Leaving Hongkong at 4 p.m. on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 9th instant, she arrived at Singapore on the morning of the 14th instant, covering the whole distance in a trifle over four and a half days.

TELEGRAMS have been received here from Nagasaki stating that a Japanese commissioner left there on the 23rd instant, for Corea, to consult with the Chinese commissioner Wu Te Chen in regard to the recent disturbances in that country. The report that a body of Japanese troops has been despatched to Corea is, we have reason to believe, not true.

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The Cobhain's Treasure, (Piano), Master J. M. ALVAREZ.  
The July Briny, (Gallop, (Piano), " J. B. GRIER.  
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Let me kiss her for me, (Song), Master J. PREYLER.  
STANDARD V.  
Le Baskier De Seville, (Piano), " I. ALVAREZ.  
STANDARD VI.  
Lord Chatelain of America, (Piano), Master J. P. BHAGA.  
War (Recitation), " Master J. V. BRAZ & The Convent Bells, (Piano), " I. ALVAREZ.  
Description of Paris, Chinese Department.  
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Closing Address, " Master J. M. DE JESUS.

A CHINESE correspondent at Canton sends us some particulars of the blowing up of the powder mill at Fatschan. He writes:—  
The explosion was caused by the carelessness of the workmen employed in the mill, which is known as the Chik-ha. It occurred about 9 a.m. on Monday, the 22nd instant, when a number of coolies were employed shipping a large quantity of gunpowder on board a junk lying on the river close to the mill. Those persons who were employed in the mill, those on board the junk and many others who were near at the time, were blown to atoms, while the mill and a large number of houses were levelled with the dust. Nearly all the houses in Fatschan and surrounding district had their windows smashed, and a junk and a number of sampans were capsized by the shock, some of the occupants being drowned. The total number of persons who were killed by the explosion is estimated at between 200 and 300: A woman lost her life in the explosion.

We learn from Mr Colquhoun that Mr Holt Hallett, after consultation with Mr Colquhoun concerning the further exploration and survey of Siam and the Shan country, left China last week for Bangkok, in order there to hold an interview with the King of Siam on the subject. He will thence proceed to Rangoon and Calcutta, to report to the Chief Commissioner of Burma and to the Governor-General of India. From Calcutta Mr Hallett will go to London, to submit his reports to the Royal Geographical Society and to the leading Chambers of Commerce, which have supported the exploration-survey. Any exploration on the southern frontier of China, such as was intended to be included, and for which Hongkong subscribed, is for the present out of the question, owing to the unsettled condition of the frontier regions. The funds subscribed by Hongkong will therefore be returned. The continuation of the explorations in Siam and the Shan country depends on the result of Mr Hallett's visit to Siam and India. A pre-

liminary report has been drawn up by Messrs Colquhoun & Hallett dealing with the first season's operations, which will be published on Mr Hallett's arrival in England. James at 8 p.m., same day.

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A MEETING of the Cosmopolitan Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Dec. 10th, when the officers for the ensuing year were duly installed by R. W. Bro. C. Thorne, District Grand Master of Northern China, and the officers of the Grand Lodge, among those present being W. Bro. Howard, Lalor, Johnstone, G. Moore, Morris, Middleton, Fonton, Holland, Pemberton and Skinner, and Bros. Gubbay, Macgregor and Evans. The following are the office-bearers of the Lodge for 1885:—

W. Bro. C. J. Holland, " R. W. M.  
W. Bro. T. Pemberton, " I. P. M.  
W. Bro. W. Youngson, " S. M.  
T. S. Southey, " S. W.  
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L. Gowing, " Sec.  
J. L. Gray, " S. D.  
F. Milne, " J. D.  
F. Bailey, " J. C.  
C. Meritt, " J. C.  
N. G. D. News, " Tyler.

ACCORDING to a private telegram received yesterday (Dec. 19th) it was reported in London that the Indian Council would reduce their drawings by 250 lac of rupees next year.—N. G. D. News.

A PLACARD purporting to be signed by the General commanding the Chinese forces at Woosung has been posted up in the French Concession, ordering servants of Frenchmen to leave their employers.—N. G. D. News.

THE German gunboat *Utile* left Shanghai for Chemulpo (Korea) on December 16th. The British gunboat *Zephyr* arrived at Ningpo on the same day. The British gunboat *Porpoise* and the U. S. corvette *Jenetta* left Shanghai on the 20th.

The following advertisement appears in the *Newcastle Chronicle*:—Sir R. C. D. Tichborne will address the electors of Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 6th, 7th and 8th of November, at the Circus. The campaign under the management of C. Gardner, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The Chinese ice-collectors have commenced work, and at one house there are about sixty tons of ice. This has been collected from the fifty ponds in Hongkew. Some ice has been taken from a field where the water had been pumped into it from the dyke at the top of Chao-poo Road. The ice was three-quarters of an inch thick.—N. G. D. News.

Since the commencement of the trouble between France and China about Tongking, the Chinese have killed, according to their own report, 2,864,387 Frenchmen in Tongking and 11,784 in Formosa. They have also sunk eight ironclads, killed Admiral Courbet six times, and seriously wounded him 37 times. The General at Tongking has been killed 84 times and seriously wounded 197 times.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

The port of Cherbourg, says a French contemporary, has received orders to send to the squadron of the Far East, the cruisers *Roland* and *Magon*. The port of Lorient is arming the gunboat *Crocodile*. The gunboats *Standard*, expected at Toulon, *Sigaudine*, at Rochefort, and the *Leone*, at Cherbourg, are also destined to reinforce the naval squadron of Admiral *Archibald*. The sloop *gunboats* *Bache* and *Chamois*, built by private contract at Lyons, arrived at Toulon on the 6th November, and were shipped on board the transport *Minervois* for Tonquin. The *Minervois* was to leave Toulon on the 20th November for the China Seas.

Da Costa Finlay believes that he has demonstrated that yellow fever is inoculable by the sting of the Cuban day-mosquito. The duration and intensity of the fever produced by inoculation by the mosquito appear to be in proportion to the number of punctures and the quantity of inoculable matter retained by the insect's sting. The

inoculation by one or two punctures in no case produced any other morbid phenomena than those of benign natural yellow fever. Dr Finlay thinks that the result already obtained warrant the assertion that the inoculation of yellow fever by one or two mosquito bites is a plausible means of imparting, without peril, immunity against the severe forms of the disease.

AN important seizure of gunpowder and arms was made at Singapore on the 15th instant by Mr F. G. Enteman, Inspector of Gunpowder. From information received, it had reason to believe that a quantity of gunpowder and arms had been placed on board a Bugis prahu lying in the harbour in the centre of the room and numerous brackets set round the hall. Great care has been taken to secure thorough ventilation, and in the hot weather the hall should be very cool and comfortable. In the present season, it is heated, when necessary, by means of three open fires. The furnishings throughout are of teakwood, and are tasteful though not of an extravagant description. Over each fire-place is a massive mirror, the one at the upper end of the hall being set in a beautifully carved blackwood frame. There are 34 round tables set round the hall, which is capable of accommodating 150 persons at one sitting. The chairs, manufactured in America, are made of yellow pine, and are particularly comfortable in construction. There are two entrances to the hall, one specially for boarders and one for non-boarders. After meals, diners can lounge on the roomy verandah in front, from which can be obtained a magnificent view of the whole harbour. Adjoining the hall are a private dining room and parlor, both of which are furnished in a becoming manner. At present the hall is most artistically decorated, and when the diners are seated, the scene presented is peculiarly attractive. It is to be hoped that Messrs Dobrakow and Hing-Kee's enterprise will be rewarded, and that their efforts to cater for the public will be fully appreciated.

OFFICIAL advice from West Borneo report a defeat of 200 Chinese insurgents near Benkayang on the 12th November, with the loss of nine killed and fifteen wounded, including their leader. Everyone then used to decorate his house for the occasion, and the various stores, hotels and military garrisons in Hongkong vied with each other as to who should have the best display of evergreens and flowers to greet the happy moon. A few years ago, when a French and English flagship were laying at anchor within half of one another in the harbour of Hongkong, a most interesting rivalry occurred between the crew of the two men-of-war in the entertainment line, the Frenchmen on board the flagship being invited on board the *Iron Duke* to spend their Christmas Day while the men of the British flagship and other men-of-war in harbour spent the New Year's Day, the continental gala day, on board the French flagship. This year, as far as we can learn, there have been no special preparations for celebrating the festive day afloat. The British men-of-war in port dressed ship for the occasion and no doubt kept up the feast day on board in the usual regulation manner, but taking a general view of the harbour on Christmas morning it looked much less holiday like than is usual on this anniversary. The Douglas Steamship Co.'s S. S. *Pokien*, the three vessels in port of the Scottish Oriental S. S. Co., the *Carnelot*, and a few sailing ships were the only vessels in port that appeared decked out with the usual display of bunting.

Ashore, amongst the members of the garrison, by whom the festivities of the season are generally celebrated in the old home style, the usual discipline was somewhat slackened and the various messes kept open house.

The decorations at the North Barrack, where the old Battery of Artillery are quartered, were not, perhaps, carried out on so extensive a scale as in some former years, when the occupants of each division in the roomy quarters of the corps used to deck the room with the ornaments of the season, the second lesson, the whipster waves the whip over the person's head, and then kneels on a cushion, holding the purse in that position to the end of the lesson, when he retires into the chow. The whip and purse are subsequently carried to the master of the barracks, was made the reception room of the corps and was most tastefully decorated with wreaths and festoons of greenery, interspersed with armorial shields bearing the motto of the corps, &c., flowers, arms and devices. The chandlers were wreathed in evergreens and a quantity of fancy lamps distributed about the room added much to the picturesque effect of the decorations.

In this room a most enjoyable evening was passed in dancing and other amusements, by the members of the corps, their wives and daughters, and a considerable number of civilians, who were the guests of the evening, dancing being kept up till close upon midnight.

A jovial crew were also collected in the Mess-room of the Sergeants of the 'Buffs', but a number of the non-commissioned officers of the Regiment were absent from this meeting, keeping Christmas in the good old fashioned manner, *en famille*, in the quarters of the different married members of the Regiment.

Inside the Naval Yard the anniversary was kept by a dance in the evening, given by the storemen, to which a number of visitors were invited, amongst whom were many naval representatives and civilians. Several of the churches in the colony were, as usual, decorated for the occasion. In St. John's Cathedral the decorations were fully equal to any displayed for the last few years. The altar rails, at the East end of the building were most tastefully wreathed in creeping ferns, interspersed with chrysanthemum blossoms, the window above being a perfect fern with all sorts of flowers appearing among the greenery. Below the window was the text 'Full of Grace and Truth' in large white letters upon a crimson ground, the background being finished by a bordering of evergreens. On the right and left of the window were crimson shields bearing the words 'God of Gods' and 'Light of Lights' also entwined in evergreens, while the window was surrounded by a semicircular inscription on a crimson ground, also bordering the golden star in this manner. The trap is more fatal than yellow fever, the latter being prompt and sudden, a Leechville virgin committee. The trap is going on, it won't be long before women will have no cause to jump upon a chain and squeal from fright. This trap is filling up the little mouse caskets at an appalling rate. This trap almost deserves to be named.—*Australasia*.

In Deli, of late, on several of the smaller estates, the planters, to save the expense of employing coolies, have been letting their land to Chinese tobacco growers whom they supply with seedlings or small advances in order to buy up from them the crop so raised. The Deli Planters' Association, on the ground that these small growers might prove dangerous, as receivers of stolen tobacco from the regular estates, has decided upon forbidding this letting system among its members. The Batavia *Dagblad* deems this decision a wise one on wholly different grounds, basing its opinion on experience gained in Java where the system of landholders buying up tobacco from small growers instead of cultivating the article on their own account has been beneficial to tobacco cultivation there, by keen competition among buyers in furnishing higher and higher advances to growers, for which others had given advances or seedlings. The latter form of dishonesty has proved ruinous in its consequences.

pink geranium blossoms breaking out from beds of fine-leaved ferns, the woodwork being wreathed in ferns and wild flowers.

In the body of the church, the pillars were all wreathed in spiral bands of ferns and evergreens mingled, while the window cells on both sides were turned into perfect fern beds. The font at the west entrance to the Cathedral was also most prettily ornamented with chrysanthemum blossoms and ferns, around the top and base.

St. Francis' Chapel, where High Mass was celebrated on Christmas night, was also most tastefully decorated by Mrs J. M. Guedes and friends the musical Service being under the conductorship of the Messrs Dannenberg.

CANTON.

(From our Correspondent.)

CANTON, Thursday evening.

Various reports are current relative to the number of persons killed at the late explosion near Fatschan. I send a few well authenticated facts. Shortly after the explosion Dr Wenyon, from the Wesleyan Mission Hospital, Fatschan, went to the spot. Heads, arms and legs, were scattered about in every direction. Some twenty killed were counted in a few yards. There were over one hundred employees in the works, and of these the only survivors are the cook, who had gone out to buy something, and eleven poor wretches, dreadfully burnt and maimed, who are now in the hospital at Fatschan. Some outsiders were injured and a few soldiers; the latter have come down to Canton and will probably be treated by native doctors or find their way to the hospital here. The scene on the spot is described as dreadful. The populace in Fatschan were very much alarmed and the gates had to be closed. Considerable damage was done to the building of the *Iron Duke* and the men of the British flagship and other men-of-war in harbour spent the New Year's Day, the continental gala day, on board the French flagship. This year, as far as we can learn, there have been no special preparations for celebrating the festive day afloat. The British men-of-war in port dressed ship for the occasion and no doubt kept up the feast day on board in the usual regulation manner, but taking a general view of the harbour on Christmas morning it looked much less holiday like than is usual on this anniversary. The Douglas Steamship Co.'s S. S. *Pokien*, the three vessels in port of the Scottish Oriental S. S. Co., the *Carnelot*, and a few sailing ships were the only vessels in port that appeared decked out with the usual display of bunting.

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THE HYGROMETER is an instrument for measuring the moisture of the atmosphere.

THE ELECTROMETER is an apparatus for measuring the quantity or intensity of electricity, and determining its quality.

THE OZMOMETER is an instrument which consists of strips of paper, steeped in a mixture of starch and iodide of potassium, and hung up in the open air. It has for its purpose the determination from time to time in the atmosphere of the quantity of ozone existing.

THE THERMOMETER is an instrument for measuring the temperature of the atmosphere.

THE ANEMOMETER is an apparatus for indicating, and recording the velocity of wind.

It is self-registering and it gives the velocity of wind by a Robinson wind-mill system. At each rotation, which corresponds to 10 metres of space travelled over by the wind, an electrical current is sent into an electromagnet, which works the escapement of a clock system; a little chisel, serving as pencil holder, is then pulled before the board; every half an hour a particular beam of the beam, communicates to a pencil holder to bring the pencil holder back to its first starting place, and thus we have, in the end, or least long lines left, on the paper, the velocity of the wind during every half hour of the day.

There are, of course, a great number of other astronomical and meteorological instruments to be found on the premises, as spectrometers by Hoffmann; microscopes, chronometers, by Muller, London; and Frobisher, London; polariscope, &c., &c.

There is also a good library containing works of reference and regular exchanges from all the most important Observatories as Kew, Greenwich; Peterborough, Rome, Hamburg, Washington, Berlin, &c., &c.

A complete meteorological register is, of course, kept, in which every day, at fixed hours, the readings of all the meteorological instruments, at command, are recorded;

and on these regular registers we must look

for the development of the great laws of science. The Register at Silesia dates back to 1873. Here we find also a number of photographs, showing the variations of magnetic force at the Observatory; as also photographic views of barometrical and thermometrical observations. The upper part of the observatory contains a

MICROHAN TELESCOPE, made of cast iron, and turned upon a stand of the same material. The focal length is 18 inches, the objective glass is 2.2 centimetres, and the eyepiece 29. The reticle has five sides. It is placed on granite blocks and is sunk into the ground. Close to the telescope we

find the ASTRONOMICAL CLOCK, which is of very superior French workmanship, and costs about 2,000 francs. Its daily variation does not exceed two-tenths of a second, and its tick cannot be heard outside the case.

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Some translations from Chinese novels and plays are marked by both accuracy and freshness of style; and an account of the career of the Chinese post-stateman of the eleventh century, Sun Tung-po, by Mr. E. C. Bowra, is not only historically valuable, but is also distinguished by its literary grace. Beside notices of new books relating to China and the East, which will be a useful feature of the Review, if carried out with punctuality and detail, we are glad to notice that 'Notes' and 'Querries' are destined to find a place in its pages also. It is to be hoped that this opening for contributions on Chinese subjects may evoke a similar degree of literary zeal to that which was displayed during the lifetime of its predecessor in the field, and that the China Review may receive the support necessary to insure its continuance.

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